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RE: USSN 132558 FILED 21 MARCH 1980 OF CHAVDARIAN ET AL.
"PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF OPTICALLY ACTIVE NICOTINE ANALOGS" D&O 79-9 PM 883A

Dear George:

The inventors have reviewed the first Office Action dated 25 June and have provided comments (attached) which may be helpful in preparing the response.

When you prepare the amendment, please note the following deletions: at page 4, line 15, delete "Am." from reference. At page 14, 16 (2 times) delete "Galbraith, reference number and date."

With respect to the 112 rejection, I imagine the claims can be amended without making them as specific as the inventors have suggested. We shall rely on your judgment with respect to this.

With respect to the 103 rejection, the inventors feel that synthesis of the pure enantiomers represents an advance in the art and should be patentable. Perhaps there are some court decisions that will support this.

With respect to the term "Galbraith," it may be deleted from the examples. It is simply the name of a lab that does analytical work for us.

If you feel that more information is required to complete the response, please call me. If discussion with the inventors would be helpful, Dr. Sanders' number is 804-271-3441 and Dr. Chavdarian's number is 804-271-3194. Please feel free to contact them.

Sincerely,

Susan A. Hutcheson

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